

Two drown in Lagos beach, as rescuers battle multiple fire outbreaks



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Two men on Monday night drowned at the Baracuda Beach in Ajah, Lagos.

The men
were said to

have drowned after crossing to the deep side of the ocean.

It was gathered that one of the them had dived into the deeper waters and got swept away by ocean currents while swimming.

One of his friends was said to have immediately dived into the water in search of him after the live guard on duty refused to go into that section of the beach since it was beyond the redline and unsafe for them to attempt rescue.

Unfortunately, the friend also got swept away by ocean tides.

Confirming the incident, the Permanent Secetary (PS), Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr. Femi Oke-Osanyintolu, said that rescuers and paramedics were immediately deployed to the beach on receipt of the report.

He said: “On arrival at the scene of the incident it was reported that two beachgoers had drowned.

“Further investigation gathered revealed that two adult males died during a failed rescue attempt of a third adult male.

“The life guard stationed at the beach reported that the victims had ventured beyond the red line. Solo rescue is prohibited beyond these limits; which is why he was unable to attempt it.”

Meanwhile, it was festival of fire for emergency workers during the long weekend as several cases of outbreaks were recorded across the state.

The Nation gathered that the Lagos State Fire Service attended to a record 24 cases on Christmas Day and 12 on Monday.

Among the incidents attended to was an outbreak at a residential building at at 54 Aledelola Street, Ikosi Ketu, said to have been caused by fuel stored in kegs.

A statement on Tuesday by the agency’s director, Mrs. Margaret Adeseye, said the fire was reported around 6:18pm on Monday.